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Mr. Tom Wheeler
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20554

RE: MB Docket No. 14-57

Dear Chairman Wheeler:

Thank you for this chance to weigh in on the proposed Comcast and Time Warner Cable transaction that is before you. I am currently Chairman of the DuPage County Board, Illinois, having been elected in 2010. I also served in the Illinois Legislature for 20 years.

I respectfully ask Commission members to approve the proposed transaction, in order to see the extension of Comcast's progressive activities in the broadband and video field to other communities. We have experienced faster Internet speeds each year with Comcast. We have watched its business class services grow and expand to meet the needs of a wide variety of enterprises in DuPage. Its technology keeps evolving and new features appear regularly, making Comcast a market leader in its business. A quick check reveals that Comcast fields an amazing 136 million emails, 142 million phone calls, 12 million voicemails and 15 million Xfinity On Demand requests on a daily basis.

I understand that Comcast invested more than \$1.3 billion in Illinois last year, including employee payroll, state and local taxes and upkeep of its facilities. That number includes scholarships, in-kind donations and employee contributions to regional United Way agencies, including the United Way of DuPage/West Cook. Also last year, Comcast expanded its fiber network in three business hubs in the Chicago area to accommodate an additional 1,600 businesses in its Business Class Ethernet and other business services. The added information technology infrastructure is benefiting our local businesses.

It has also been a pleasure partnering with Comcast on initiatives which improve public education and the quality of life for our residents. Comcast several years ago started a program that is allowing our poorest students to get Internet connections in their homes for only \$10 a month. The company's professional employees also volunteer to mentor youth, helping them develop basic career skills and expertise in basic technology. And, Comcast Cares Day is a well-known yearly tradition in DuPage, where Comcast employees and their family members give a day's labor to a long list of community organizations.

I appreciate the opportunity to share my community's experiences with Comcast. I hope that I have adequately articulated why it is a company that garners respect in DuPage and beyond. Clearly, Comcast has a lot to offer in digital technology as well as in being a proponent of the community. Your approval of the pending Comcast/Time Warner Cable transaction will bring these benefits to new areas of the country, and for that reason, I urge you to act quickly to approve this transaction.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dan Cronin", written over a horizontal line.

Daniel J. Cronin
Chairman, DuPage County Board